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To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENT (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. EMERSON, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CIVIL AIR PATROL STUDY.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
5 States shall conduct a study of the functions and capabili-

1 ties of the Civil Air Patrol to support the homeland secu-
2 rity missions of State, local, and tribal governments and
3 the Department of Homeland Security. In conducting the
4 study, the Comptroller General shall review the process
5 by which the Civil Air Patrol may provide assistance to
6 the Secretary of Homeland Security, other Federal agen-
7 cies, and States to support homeland security missions
8 by—

9 (1) providing aerial reconnaissance or commu-
10 nications capabilities for border security;

11 (2) providing capabilities for collective response
12 to an act of terrorism, natural disaster, or other
13 man-made event, by assisting in damage assessment
14 and situational awareness, conducting search and
15 rescue operations, assisting in evacuations, trans-
16 porting time-sensitive medical or other materials;

17 (3) providing assistance in the exercise and
18 training of departmental resources responsible for
19 the intercept of aviation threats to designated re-
20 stricted areas; or

21 (4) such other activities as may be determined
22 appropriate by the Comptroller General in the con-
23 duct of this review.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
25 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall

1 submit to the Committees on Homeland Security and
2 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
4 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report con-
5 taining the findings of the review conducted under sub-
6 section (a). The report shall include—

7 (1) an assessment of the feasibility and cost-ef-
8 fectiveness of using Civil Air Patrol assets for the
9 purposes described in subsection (a); and

10 (2) an assessment as to whether the current
11 mechanisms for Federal agencies and States to re-
12 quest support from the Civil Air Patrol are sufficient
13 or whether new agreements between relevant Federal
14 agencies and the Civil Air Patrol are necessary.

15 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
16 after completing the study under this section, the Sec-
17 retary of Homeland Security shall review and analyze the
18 study and submit to the Committees on Homeland Secu-
19 rity and Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
20 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
21 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on
22 such review and analysis, which shall include any rec-
23 ommendations of the Secretary for further action that

- 1 could affect the organization and administration of the
- 2 Department of Homeland Security.

